

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 SANTIA 05624 132334Z

62

ACTION ARA-20

INFO OCT-01 IO-14 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-07 H-03 INR-11

L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-07 PA-04 RSC-01 PRS-01 SP-03 SS-20

USIA-15 SR-02 ORM-03 DPW-01 AID-20 DRC-01 /137 W

----- 010575

P R 132300Z SEP 74

FM AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 295

INFO USMISSION USUN NEW YORK

USMISSION GENEVA

C O N F I D E N T I A L SANTIAGO 5624

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: CI, PINT, PINS, SHUM

SUBJ: RELEASE OF CHILEAN DETAINEES

REF: SANTIAGO 5600

1. DURING USUAL FRIDAY PRESS CONF SEP 13, UNDERSECFONRELS COLLADOS ANNOUNCED GOC/ICRC CONTACTS WERE BEING INITIATED AT FOREIGN MINISTER LEVEL "TODAY" TO WORK OUT DETAILS OF RELEASE OF CHILEAN DETAINEES. COLLADOS EXPLICITLY REJECTED USE OF TERM PRISONER "EXCHANGE" (CANJE) WHEN REFERRING TO GOC CHALLENGE TO SOVIET UNION AND CUBA TO RELEASE THEIR POLITICAL PRISONERS. "CHILE HOPES THAT IN VIEW OF THIS CHALLENGE THE GOVERNMENTS OF CUBA AND THE SOVIET UNION RESPOND FAVORABLY TO THE DECISION ALREADY (RPT ALREADY) MADE BY THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT." COLLADOS REFUSED TO SPECULATE ON WHEN ACTUAL RELEASE OF CHILEAN DETAINEES COULD OCCUR.

2. WELL INFORMED US JOURNALIST AND SISTER OF PROMINENT ALLENDE-ERA DETAINEES AT RITOQUE SEPARATELY TOLD EMBOFF THAT CONSIDERABLE SPECULATION EXISTS THAT RELEASE OF AT LEAST SOME DETAINEES WILL OCCUR SHORTLY AFTER NEXT WEEK'S INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS SEPT 18-19. JOURNALIST ORIGINALLY WAS CONVINCED SOVIET UNION/CUBAN ACTION WAS PRIOR CONDITION TO GOC ACTION; ON BASIS CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 SANTIA 05624 132334Z

OF EXTENSIVE CHECKING WITH SENIOR GOC OFFICIALS NOW BELIEVES THAT

RELEASE OF CHILEAN DETAINEES WILL TAKE PLACE AFTER GOC FEELS IT HAS MILKED "CHALLENGE" DRY OF ALL PROPAGANDA VALUE.

3. COMMENT. VARIOUS EDITORIALS IN CHILEAN PRESS HAVE SPOKEN OF ONE-FOR-ONE RELEASE OF CHILEAN DETAINEES FOR EACH PERSON RELEASED BY SOVIET UNION/CUBA. IN RULING THIS OUT, AND BY SPEAKING OF A DECISION ALREADY MADE BY GOC, COLLADOS APPEARS TO HAVE GONE FURTHER THAN ANY OTHER GOC SPOKESMAN TO DATE ON CLARIFYING GOC'S TRUE INTENTIONS ON THIS SUBJECT.
POPPER

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PRESS CONFERENCES, POLITICAL PRISONERS, PRISONERS RELEASE
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 13 SEP 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: kelleyw0
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974SANTIA05624
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D740257-0147
From: SANTIAGO
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19740947/aaaabnux.tel
Line Count: 71
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION ARA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: SANTIAGO 5600
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: kelleyw0
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 19 JUN 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <19 JUN 2002 by boyleja>; APPROVED <19 MAR 2003 by kelleyw0>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: RELEASE OF CHILEAN DETAINEES
TAGS: PINT, PINS, SHUM, CI, (COLLADOS)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005